

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Recovery from substance use disorders is possible through a variety of treatment resources and recovery support programs; and,

Whereas, Thousands of people across the United States are living happy, healthy, and productive lives in recovery; and,

Whereas, Stress can contribute to substance use disorders, and finding a positive outlet for dealing with stress is crucial as people continue to face stressful situations in their lives; and,

Whereas, According to the American Psychological Association's Executive Report published October 7, 2008, nearly one-half of Americans reported that their stress levels had increased, with as many as 30 percent rating their stress levels as extreme; and,

Whereas, According to a 2008 national survey, an estimated 23.1 million people of every age, race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status needed treatment for substance dependence or abuse in the United States, and a 2008 South Dakota Client Services Summary reported 15,296 South Dakotans received chemical dependency services; and,

Whereas, Substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and our community must take steps to address them; and,

Whereas, Educating South Dakotans about how substance use disorders affect all people in the community, including public safety officials, the workforce, older adults, and families, is essential to combating misconceptions associated with addiction; and,

Whereas, To help more people enter a path of recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the South Dakota Department of Human Services', Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, invite all residents of South Dakota to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Now more Than Ever!*".

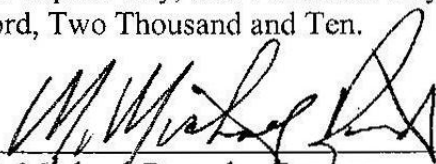
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2010 as

ALCOHOL & DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State